(c) whether Government are considering to restore the previous system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Kendriya Vidyalayas have six-day week, having eight periods of forty minutes duration in a day. The Vidyalayas function for six hours and ten minutes. In Kendriya Vidyalayas where second shift is functioning this duration is of five hours and fifteen minutes per shift, with adjustment in the duration of recess/interval. The periods are of 35 minutes each. Considering the importance of classroom transaction in the teaching and learning process, the present system is found to be economical and has resulted in efficient use of resources by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(c) No, Sir.

Practicals for Tenth Class

†4076. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of practicals organised for the students of Tenth Class in the Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) the amount allocated every year on laboratories for Tenth Class; and

(c) the capacity of each laboratory in terms of the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan organizes 15 practical exercises for the students of Tenth Class as prescribed by CBSE in the Secondary School Curriculum.

(b) Separate amount is not allocated for laboratories for Tenth Class. Funds are allocated for laboratories which are used by students of secondary and higher secondary classes. During the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 amounts of Rs. 321.10 lakh, Rs. 321.10 lakh and Rs. 315.25 lakh respectively were allocated for laboratories. In addition, Vidyalayas also spend amount out of the Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi being collected from the students.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Around forty to forty-five students can be accommodated in a laboratory.

Deemed Universities

4077. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Deemed Universities, State-wise;

(b) the number of such Universities recognised by the UGC and the State Governments, separately;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a Supreme Court's decision regarding cancellation of recognition of some of the universities recognized by the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the names of such Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) A list of institutions declared as 'Deemed to be Universities', as on date, State-wise is in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) An institution of higher learning may be declared as 'Deemed to be University' by the Central Government, on the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC) in terms of provision under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 — a Central Act. Therefore, as such Deemed to be Universities do not require any separate recognition either by the UGC or the State Governments.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court of India *vide* its judgment dated 11th February, 2005 has declared the provisions of Sections 5 & 6 of the Chhattisgarh Niji Kshetra Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapna Aur Viniyaman) Adhiniyam, 2002 to be ultra-vires, and consequently, the notifications issued by the Chhattisgarh Government in the Gazette in the purported exercise of power under Section 5 of the aforesaid State Act notifying the universities stand quashed. As per the UGC, there were 37 Universities (list enclosed as Statement-II) (*See* below) in existence under the State Act of Chhattisgarh at the time of the judgement of the Supreme Court of India.